

Policy Committee Summaries

August 2004

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Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee

Item #	Summary
4.1	<p>Policy Paper” Promoting Regional and State Policy Objectives Through Growth and Development Practice” – July 2004</p> <p>Staff presented this policy paper which proposes steps that the State might take to promote mutual objectives. The State, through discussions convened by Secretary of Business, Transportation, and Housing Sunne Wright McPeak, has expressed an interest in promoting better transportation and land use coordination, improving housing performance, and providing housing accountability at the local level. The policy paper suggests that the State might achieve these objectives by taking specific steps to support implementation of the 2004 RTP and the Compass Growth Vision. Todd Priest of the Building Industry Association of Southern California provided comments that generally supported the paper, but cautioned that Compass implementation might hamper housing affordability. There was substantial discussion from the Committee regarding how Compass implementation might proceed, and regarding how SCAG could measure housing performance. Staff replied that these issues deserved further discussion, not germane to this paper.</p> <p><i>The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Regional Council approve the paper.</i></p>
4.2	<p>Victor Valley Redevelopment Agency Housing Set-aside Review:</p> <p>Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development described a request by the Victor Valley Economic Development Authority to defer payments to the low and moderate income housing set-aside fund. Ms. Harris described that the request fulfilled the requirements of State law, was generally consistent with SCAG policy objectives, and did not hamper the production of housing in the area.</p> <p><i>The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the Regional Council approve a resolution confirming the Authority’s findings.</i></p>

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Energy and Environment Committee

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5.1	CALFED Bay-Delta Improvement Package The Committee was asked to adopt Resolution #04-454-1 to urge state and federal authorities to fund and implement coordination on water issues. <i>The motion to adopt the Resolution passed.</i>

Transportation and Communications Committee

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4.1	Draft 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) One of the main obstacles to adopting the RTIP is the \$559 million shortfall for TCM (Transportation Control Measure) projects, which include the San Fernando Bus Rapid Transit project, and HOV lanes on the I-5 between the SR-134 and SR-170 among others. SCAG is looking for the LACMTA to provide direction as to their funding priorities. Staff will work with MTA staff. <i>TCC members unanimously approved staff recommendation to extend the 2004 RTIP adoption by a month.</i>